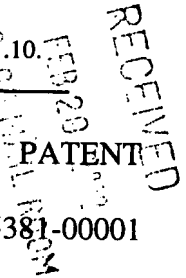


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted with a request for Continued Prosecution Application. A petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is submitted concurrently.

In response to the Final Official Action dated August 15, 2001, and the Advisory Action dated October 22, 2001, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A golf club head comprising:

a hosel located at a heel end to accommodate a shaft, and
a metal blade comprising a striking face, a sole, a rear face, and a knife-like leading edge, the striking face and the sole meeting at the knife-like leading edge, the sole having a protrusion running substantially parallel to the leading edge and located at the juncture of the sole and the